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For: DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT, OPTICAL MODULE AND OPTICAL

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 14, 2005.

Amendments to the specification, including a replacement abstract, is presented beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.